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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISIT TO EAST TIMOR

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1. FOR JAKARTA: WE NOTE THAT PGET (REF A) HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY ITS INTENTION TO INVITE COMMITTEE OF 24, JOURNALISTS AND "REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FRIENDLY NATIONS" TO VISIT EAST TIMOR. ASSUME LAST ITEM REFERS TO PGET PLANS TO INVITE MEMBERS JAKARTA DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO VISIT DILI MAY 31 IN ORDER TO OBSERVE VOTE IN PGET ASSEMBLY ON INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA. INFORMATION FROM BRITISH (REF B) ON HOW PGET INTENDS TO HANDLE VISIT REINFORCES OUR RELUCTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED. GIVEN ABSENCE OF DECISION BY UN OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT INVITATION

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AND LIKELIHOOD THAT BRITAIN AND OTHER EC COUNTRIES WILL

DECLINE INVITATION, WE HOPE THAT THE GOI WILL NOW RECOGNIZE THE DESIRABILITY OF QUIETLY DROPPING IDEA OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS REPRESENTATION.

2. IF EFFORTS TO HEAD OFF THE PGET INVITATION ARE UN-
AVAILING, OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO REMAIN UNINVOLVED IN
TIMOR ISSUE WHILE AVOIDING ISOLATION FROM POSITIONS ADOPTED
BY OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ASEAN MEMBERS,

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN. IF LESS THAN A LARGE MAJORITY OF
MISSIONS FROM ABOVE-NAMED COUNTRIES INDICATE THEY PLAN
TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES, YOU SHOULD REQUEST FURTHER
GUIDANCE. IF LARGE MAJORITY INTENDS TO ACCEPT INVITA-
TIONS, WE COULD AGREE TO YOUR SENDING, AT YOUR DISCRETION,
A POLITICAL OFFICER AS THE EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIVE. WE
DO NOT WISH TO BE ONE OF A SMALL NUMBER ON THIS ISSUE.

3. FOR USUN AND GENEVA: PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST HOW
UN OFFICIALS CONCERNED INTEND TO RESPOND TO PGET INVITA-
TION IF EXTENDED. ROBINSON

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